

WHAT IS KALA?



The Kansas Association of Legal Assistants ("KALA") was formed in 1981 as a professional association for paralegals and legal assistants in Kansas. KALA became an affiliated association member of the National Association of Legal Assistants ("NALA") in 1981 as well. KALA supports and promotes education and certification in the paralegal/legal assistant profession.

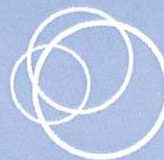
WHAT IS A PARALEGAL/LEGAL ASSISTANT?

Paralegals, also known as legal assistants and used interchangeably, are a distinguishable group of professionals who assist attorneys in the delivery of legal services. Through formal education, training, and experience, legal assistants have knowledge and experience regarding the legal system and substantive and procedural law which qualify them to do work of a legal nature under the supervision of an attorney.



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WHY JOIN KALA?

- KALA is a state-wide paralegal organization that offers its members a wide range of information and viewpoints.
- KALA supports and endorses formal legal education for paralegals. KALA offers continuing legal education seminars specifically for paralegals and paralegal students.
- KALA supports and promotes certification via the NALA CLA Exam.
- KALA conducts a CLA Study Group to help its members prepare for the CLA Exam.
- KALA offers a Job Registry of available paralegal opportunities for its members and employers.
- KALA holds regular membership meetings, featuring educational programs and social events.
- KALA is active in giving back to its community through participation in multiple charitable organizations.
- KALA publishes a bi-monthly newsletter, KALA Reports, which features information about KALA events, community projects and educational articles.

PROFESSIONAL ENHANCEMENT


KALA provides a forum for the exchange of information and the opportunity to share valuable information and resources across the paralegal community.

MENTORING

KALA supports the growth of those newly entering the paralegal profession by assigning a veteran paralegal to a new paralegal so that a mentoring relationship may be established.

NATIONAL INVOLVEMENT

KALA is an affiliated association member of the National Association of Legal Assistants (NALA), the leading professional association for paralegals and legal assistants. Through this membership, KALA benefits by receiving assistance and support in advancing the paralegal profession on a national level. KALA is provided the opportunity to voice its position on various policies and procedures.



TYPES OF MEMBERSHIP

Membership is open to all paralegals, paralegal students, attorneys, educators, and others of equal professional qualification. The categories of membership are:

- Voting
- Affiliate/Sustaining
- Student
- Honorary

For more information about membership, please visit our website at www.accesskansas.org/KALA.

COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Some of the community projects we support are:

- LAPP
 - Wichita Children's Home
 - Women's Crisis Center
 - Franklin Elementary School
 - Wichita River Festival
 - MDA Telethon
 - Dress for Success
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